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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-157f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a Lobster Restoration Advisory Committee
4 to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on matters
5 relating to the development of a lobster v-notch conservation program
6 to enhance recovery and rebuilding of lobster stock in Long Island
7 Sound.

8 (b) The committee shall be comprised of the following eleven
9 members: (1) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
10 commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the
11 commissioner's designee, (3) the state's administrative commissioner to
12 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, (4) the state's
13 legislative commissioner to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
14 Commission, (5) the state's commissioner who has been appointed by
15 the Governor to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, (6) a
16 representative of the Southern New England Fishermen's and
17 Lobsterman's Association, (7) a representative of the Connecticut

18 Commercial Lobstermen's Association, (8) a representative of the Long
 19 Island Western End Lobstermen's Association, (9) a representative of
 20 the state vocational aquaculture school known as the Sound School in
 21 New Haven, (10) a representative of a state vocational aquaculture
 22 school in Bridgeport, and (11) a representative of the Connecticut
 23 Seafood Council.

24 (c) The committee shall be appointed jointly by the Commissioners
 25 of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, after receiving
 26 appointment nominations from each group listed in subsection (b) of
 27 this section, not more than thirty days after May 26, 2006. The
 28 committee shall elect its own chairman and such other officers and
 29 adopt such rules of procedure as it may deem appropriate. Members of
 30 said committee shall receive no compensation for their services but
 31 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses in the performance of their
 32 duties.

33 (d) The committee shall advise the Commissioner of Environmental
 34 Protection regarding funding, implementation and continuation of the
 35 lobster restoration program established pursuant to section 26-157d
 36 and funded pursuant to section 2 of this act.

37 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million one hundred
 38 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
 39 Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 40 2009, for implementation and continuation of the lobster restoration
 41 program established pursuant to section 26-157d of the general
 42 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-157f
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV ***Joint Favorable***

APP *Joint Favorable*